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TO GENERAL HAIG
FROM GENERAL WALTERS

Chinese today handed me this:

"With regard to the protection of President Nixon's Aircraft as mentioned in the U.S. message of February 15, 1972, the Chinese side will assume responsibility for the security of the Presidential Aircraft within the territorial air of the Peoples Republic of China. The Chinese side wishes to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of the U.S. side the fact that the present width of the territorial sea of the Peoples Republic of China is twelve nautical miles, not twelve miles."

Talk was very cordial.

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DHS Review Completed.

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